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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT LOSONCZI

1. I WILL BE PRESENTING MY CREDENTIALS MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 10, AFTER WHICH I UNDERSTAND I CAN EXPECT HALF HOUR OR LONGER PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LOSONCZI.

2. DURING THAT MEETING I PLAN TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH HIM (AS THEY MAY BE APPROPRIATE) AS DISCUSSED IN DEPARTMENT AND WITH SECRETARY ROGERS BEFORE MY DEPARTURE:

- (1) OUR FIRM DESIRE TO SEE HUNGARIAN-US RELATIONS CONTINUE THEIR FORWARD MOVEMENT.
 - (2) OUR HOPE THAT CONGRESS WILL APPROVE TRADE BILL AND MFN BY MID-YEAR AND THAT WE MIGHT ACCORDINGLY BE ABLE TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS ON TRADE AGREEMENT BEFORE NEXT SUMMER.
 - (3) OUR DESIRE FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT TO PROCEED IN MEANTIME AND HOPE THEY CAN COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.
 - (4) QUESTION OF IMPARTIALITY OF ROLE OF HUNGARIAN CONTINGENT IN ICCS REMAINS ISSUE AFFECTING OUR RELATIONS TO WHICH HUNGARY NEEDS TO GIVE MOST ATTENTION.
 - (5) (IF RAISED) WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY IN POSITION TO MAKE DECISION ON CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN BUT ONCE WE MAKE FURTHER ADVANCES IN OUR RELATIONS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS NOW IN PROSPECT, WE WOULD HOPE TO BE
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ABLE TO TAKE THE MATTER OF THE CROWN INTO ACTIVE

CONSIDERATION.

(6) OUR POLICY ON HUNGARY'S PARTICIPATION IN MBFR REMAINS AS IT WAS AT END OF LAST SESSION. WE WILL BE CONSULTING WITH THEM IN VIENNA AND POSSIBLY HERE WHEN WE HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO SAY.

3. HUNGARIANS ARE OF COURSE IMMENSELY INTERESTED IN DR. KISSINGER'S APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF STATE. I TOLD FONMIN IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT I HAD LEFT WASHINGTON BEFORE NEW SECRETARY WAS APPOINTED BUT THAT I KNEW HE SHARED THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE FOR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS. IT WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT ASSET IF I COULD BE PROVIDED WITH BRIEF STATEMENT OF SECRETARY-DESIGNATE'S VIEWS TOWARD IMPROVEMENT OF OUR RELATIONS WHICH I COULD CONVEY TO PRESIDENT LOSONCZI ON MONDAY AS BEING MESSAGE HE HAD ASKED ME TO CONVEY ON EVE OF HIS ASSUMING LEADERSHIP OF DEPARTMENT.
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